

# THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church

December 24, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Song: ***O Come, All Ye Faithful*** #283

Greeting: P: May the light and peace of Christ be with you always.  
C: *And also with you.*

Prayer of the Day

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Hymn: ***Angels, from the Realms of Glory*** (vs 1-2) Song Sheet

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

Hymn: ***O Little Town of Bethlehem*** (vs.1-2) Song Sheet

Gospel: Luke 2:1-7

Hymn: ***Away in a Manger*** (vs. 1-2) Song Sheet

Gospel: Luke 2:8-14

Hymn: ***Angels We Have Heard on High*** (vs. 1-2) Song Sheet

Gospel: Luke 2:15-20

Hymn: ***Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*** (vs. 1-2) Song Sheet

Homily *The Idea of Christmas*

Hymn: ***What Child Is This*** (vs. 1-3) Song Sheet

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets, We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn: ***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*** (vs. 1-2) Song Sheet

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The Distribution of Communion

The Post-Communion Blessing

The Post-Communion Prayer

The Lighting of the Christmas Candles

Hymn: ***Silent Night, Holy Night*** (vs. 1-3) Song Sheet

Song Sheet

Benediction

Sending Song: ***Joy to the World*** Back of Bulletin

The Dismissal

***Joy to the World***

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## SERVING OUR LORD TONIGHT

**Pastor** – The Rev. Gary Blobaum

**Organist** - Karen Davis

**Choir Director** - Kayleigh Eargle

**Acolyte** – Avery Long

**Lector** – Rhonda Lindler

**Communion Assistants** – Lindsey Stribble,

Meredith Achelpohl, Bruce Rister

**Ushers** – Paul Shealy, James Torrence

The **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in honor and memory of loved ones by Daniel and Amy Wicker and Family.

We **welcome visitors** who are worshiping with us this Christmas Eve. We invite you to sign the guest register and come again.

## JOY TO THE WORLD

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
let every heart prepare him room  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.
  
2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
  
3. No more let sin and sorrow grow  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.
  
4. He rules the world with truth and grace  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

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